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[Bombshell Investigate Story](#) Revealed Mandel Crony Joel Riter Employed By Lobbyist Chairman Of Government Integrity Fund

COLUMBUS, OHIO – A bombshell investigation by *Pro Publica* has revealed that Joel Riter, the Mandel [crony-turned-lobbyist](#) whose lobbying of the treasurer's office weeks from his departure from it sparked an [ethics complaint](#) from an Ohio legislator, shockingly works for Tom Norris, the lobbyist who also chairs the secretly-funded Government Integrity Fund (GIF). GIF has spent more than \$1 million against Sherrod on Ohio airwaves.

Despite Riter's **attempts to hide his past employment by removing information from his LinkedIn profile page**, the Friends of Sherrod Brown campaign has put together Riter's resume, which paints a clear picture of an individual working tirelessly to further Josh Mandel's political career, at times on the taxpayer's dime.

Joel Riter

My office
208 E. State St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Government Integrity Fund
208 E. State St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Goal: To advance the political career of Josh Mandel at any and all costs.

Professional Experience:

Ohio House of Representatives	Legislative Aide to State Rep. Josh Mandel	Dec. 2008 – Dec. 2009
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- Worked tirelessly to advance the political career of Josh Mandel
- Collected salary from taxpayers

Josh Mandel for State Treasurer	Field Director	Dec. 2009 – Nov. 2010
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- Worked tirelessly to advance the political career of Josh Mandel; win at all costs
- Angled for high-paying job in the Treasurer's office

State Treasurer of Ohio	Constituent and Executive Agency Liaison	Jan. 2011 – June. 2011
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- Worked tirelessly to advance the political career of Josh Mandel
- Collected salary from taxpayers

Cap Square Solutions (re: Government Integrity Fund)

Lobbyist

June 2011 - Present

- Work tirelessly to advance the political career of Josh Mandel
- Lobby the Ohio State Treasurer's office
- Work for Government Integrity Fund chairman and Cap Square Solutions owner Tom Norris
- Run errands for Norris and Government Integrity Fund

note: Government Integrity Fund has aired more than \$1 million in television ads against Sen. Sherrod Brown.

Additional Qualifications:

- Featured in [Dayton Daily News](#) investigative story on Josh Mandel's hiring of unqualified political cronies: "Treasurer Mandel under scrutiny for hiring practices"
- Appeared in [campaign ad](#) about Josh Mandel's hiring decisions (that's me in the bottom left!)
- Was at the center of an [ethics complaint](#) filed regarding my lobbying of the Treasurer's office just weeks after my departure from it; featured in [Associated Press](#) and [Columbus Dispatch](#) news stories
- Featured in [Pro Publica](#) expose on the Government Integrity Fund, the secretly-funded special interest group I work for, indirectly: "Revealed: The Dark Money Group Attacking Sen. Sherrod Brown"

References:

Josh Mandel
Treasurer, State of Ohio

"The fact that one of Josh Mandel's unqualified political cronies in the Treasurer's office not only lobbied the Treasurer's office after his departure, but is employed by the lobbyist who runs a secretly funded attack group that's spent more than a million against Sherrod Brown raises even more questions about the lengths Mandel will go to win this election and proves Josh simply can't be trusted," said Sadie Weiner, Friends of Sherrod Brown spokeswoman. " Josh Mandel has a well-documented history of rewarding political cronies and friends with hefty salaries and raises on the taxpayer's dime, but the tens of thousands of dollars he doled out to lobbyist Joel Riter just before he went to work for the head of a secretly-funded special interest group represents a new low, even for Josh."

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